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SUBJECT: FRG TO CLOSE CONSULATE IN WINDHOEK

SUMMARY: FRG HAS ANNOUNCED DECISION TO CLOSE ITS
CONSULATE IN WINDHOEK BY OCTOBER 31. END SUMMARY.

1. ON SEPTEMBER 9, THE FRG ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD
CLOSE ITS ONE-MAN CONSULATE IN WINDHOEK BY OCTOBER 31.
CONSULAR FUNCTIONS FOR GERMAN ETHNICS WILL BE ASSUMED
BY "TRUSTEE ATTORNEYS" RESIDENT IN NAMIBIA.

2. FONMIN GENSCHER BROUGHT THE FONOFF PROPOSAL TO THE
FRG CABINET MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7 FOR DISCUSSION AND
RATIFICATION. THE CABINET'S CONCURRENCE WAS COMMUNI-
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CATED TO THE BUNDESTAG'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
LATER THE SAME DAY.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF, THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN
PRETORIA HAD DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED CLOSING WITH THE
SAG AND SOUGHT SAG AGREEMENT ON A TRANSITIONAL ARRANGE-
MENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE GERMANS IN NAMIBIA WITH SOME

DEGREE OF PROTECTION IN THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE PERIOD. THE SAG RAISED NO MAJOR OBJECTION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NAMING "TRUSTEE ATTORNEYS" BUT REFUSED TO CONSIDER GIVING THEM ANY FORMAL STATUS, LEAVING THE LEGAL QUESTION OPEN. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND SAG ARE CONTINUING.

4. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CLOSING OF THE CONSULATE, THE FONOFF ALSO REVEALED TWO OTHER CHANGES IN THE FRG-NAMIBIA RELATIONSHIP: (A) THE UNILATERAL EXCLUSION OF NAMIBIA FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE FRG-SOUTH AFRICAN CULTURAL AGREEMENT, AND (B) THE INTEGRATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 1977 OF THE PRIVATE GERMAN SCHOOL IN WINDHOEK. BOTH STEPS HAD BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR MANY MONTHS.

5. COMMENT: THIS ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN EXPECTED SINCE MAY, WHEN GENSCHER'S VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN LEAKED TO THE PRESS. HE COULD HAVE CLOSED THE CONSULATE BY ADMINISTRATIVE FIAT AT ANY TIME (MERELY TRANSFERRING THE INCUMBENT TO BONN WITHOUT SENDING A REPLACEMENT). HOWEVER, THE POLITICIAN IN GENSCHER COMPELLED HIM ON A LONG AND SOMEWHAT NON-PRODUCTIVE EFFORT TO TRY TO CONVINCE THE OPPOSITION THAT LONG-TERM GERMAN INTERESTS (BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE NAMIBIA) WERE BEST SERVED BY CLOSING THE CONSULATE NOW. ALTHOUGH THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE COMMENT ON THE CLOSURE ITSELF, CHARGES OF ABANDONING THE ETHNIC GERMANS IN NAMIBIA ARE SURE TO BE HEARD IN COMING WEEKS AS THE OPPOSITION SEEKS TO DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT BY ATTACKING, INTER ALIA, ITS POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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